

REMARKS

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Group 1, claims 1-10, 13-15 and 21-25, drawn to a speech coding /decoding apparatus or method using an adaptive excitation with multiple repetition periods selections; and


Group 2, claims 11-12, 16-20 and 26-30, drawn to a speech coding apparatus or method using an adaptive excitation with a perceptual weighting control.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, without traverse, Group 1, Claims 1-10, 13-15, 21, and 22. The Applicants also cancel Claims 23-25.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Jason W. Rhodes, Registration No 47,3050 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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